



REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 2645

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Our Case No. 8285/238-1

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Maropis et al.

Serial No. 09/417,266

Filing Date: October 12, 1999

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
PROVIDING PRE-PAID LOCAL  
TELEPHONE SERVICES

Examiner R. Foster

Group Art Unit No. 2645

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL PURSUANT TO 37 CFR §1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 18, 2002, please enter the following amendment, and consider the following remarks:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claim 14-15 without prejudice.

**REMARKS**

**I. OFFICE ACTION SUMMARY**

Claims 1-19 are presently pending. Claims 1, 8, 14 and 16 are the independent claims. In the final Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 14-15 as obvious over the combination of Hill (US 5,719,926) and Asfar (US 5,970,129). The Examiner allowed claims 1-13 and 16-19.

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER			Case No. 8285/238-1
Serial No. 09/417,266	Filing Date October 12, 1999	Examiner R. Foster	Group Art Unit 2645
Inventor(s) Maropis et al.			
Title of Invention Method And Apparatus For Providing Pre-Paid Local Telephone Services			

## TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is Transmittal Letter (in duplicate); Amendment After Final Pursuant To 37 C.F.R. §1.116.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☐ Petition for a \_\_\_\_\_ month extension of time.
- ☐ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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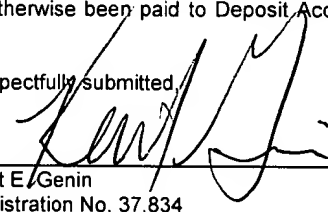
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	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra
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Small Entity		or	Other Than Small Entity	
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- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 (BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE) in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ I hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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